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INSIGNIFICANCE.

Insignificance is very generally dreaded. To be of no or of little account hurts the pride. Many assume a "high and mighty air" for fear they may otherwise be regarded as of little importance. In a letter to his wife written from Varsin, the home of Bismarck, on July 25th, 1872, John Lothrop Motley says: "After dinner Bismarck and I had a long walk in the woods, he talking all the time in the simplest and funniest and most interesting manner about all sorts of things that had happened in these tremendous years, but talking of them exactly as every-day people talk of every-day matters—without any affectation. The truth is, he is so entirely simple that one is obliged to be saying to oneself all the time, 'This is the great Bismarck.'"

"There are a great many men in certain villages," continues Motley, "that we have known who cast a far more chilling shade over those about them than Bismarck does."
 Most of us have experienced chills of this kind. Simplicity is a mark of true greatness. "Sublime in his simplicity" is written on the tomb of General Grant at Riverside, and could be written as the epitaph of many really great men. Some are apt to take simplicity of character as evidence of insignificance. People who fall into this mistake have seen and observed little. We have heard persons who have met a man of note, and who have been struck by the latter's simplicity of manner and speech say, "Why how simple he is," and they have said it in a tone of surprise that a man so distinguished should have been so simple.

The fear of being thought insignificant has too often destroyed naturalness of manner and speech. The fear is a false one. Many never realize how insignificant they really are. Men who fill a very considerable place in their day in the community in which they live are oftentimes unknown and unheeded elsewhere. The landlord of a New Hampshire village inn was once asked by a traveller, "What sort of a man is General Pierce?" "Waal, up here, where everybody knows Frank Pierce," was the reply, "and where Frank Pierce knows everybody, he's a pretty considerable fellow, I tell you. But come to spread him out over this whole country, I'm afraid that he'll be dreadfully thin in some places." This is the trouble in the case of many aspirants for the Presidential nomination. The desire to be known and to be talked and written about too often leads men to sacrifice their self-respect and the esteem of their fellows. Politics is more often the road to notoriety than to fame. Many who travel it had better stay at home. Insignificance, political, social, professional, or of any kind whatsoever, is infinitely preferable to prominence gained at the cost of honor and self-respect. Insignificance is not criminal, though the insignificant party is often most blameworthy.

State Teachers' Association.

The next annual meeting of the State Teachers' Association will be held at Asbury Park, June 30th and July 1st and 2nd. A programme of more than ordinary interest and attractiveness has been prepared, and it is confidently expected that the meeting of 1892 will be one of the most important and valuable in the history of the Association. All the teachers of the State will be interested to know what must be done to make a creditable exhibition of the New Jersey Schools at the Columbian Exposition next year. This will constitute an important feature of the programme.

A Great Story.

"The Scarlet Letter," Nathaniel Hawthorne's most celebrated story, and one of the most famous in American literature, up to a few weeks ago cost in cheapest cloth binding, \$1.00, or in paper, 50 cents. We have just received a very neat and thoroughly well made cloth-bound edition from John B. Alden, Publisher, New York, which he sells for 30 cents, plus 5 cents for postage, if by mail; the same in paper covers he sells for 10 cents, post-paid. His Catalogue of choice books, over 100 pages, which he sends to any one for 2 cents postage is a literary curiosity, which every book-buyer ought to have of course. His publications are not sold by booksellers, but only direct. Address, John B. Alden, Publisher, 57 Rose St., New York.—Advt.

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Immortality—A Parable.

Once there was a tiny fellow with a very red coat playing with thousands of other little fellows just like himself on a cactus leaf in the tropical sunshine. All seemed joyous and peaceful. He and his companions neither worked nor worried. They ate their fill of the leaf on which they rested, nor ever thought who suffered or provided for them. In a little while the leaf shook itself hard and tried to get rid of its parasites, but it was all to no purpose; they only clung closer and gormandized the more.

Finally, out of all patience, the leaf spoke up as follows: "You conceited, gayly-dressed little pests, hear what I say! Soon the great hand of man will come and gather you all in and crush the life out of you, and that will be your end and my revenge!" "Nay," quoth our little red-coated friend, "that will only be the beginning of something which we know not of, save that it will be far greater and better than this poor life of just eating and growing."

Just then a great black hand with one sweep gathered in the whole population of little red bugs, and they soon lost all consciousness of being, so that they did not know how they were packed, dried, and ground and mixed with oils, and dear knows what else, and a great painter put them on the end of his brush and from there to a canvas, where they made the red garment of a suffering Saviour. Thousands of people admired the beautiful picture and took to their hearts the lesson of Christ's great love and sacrifice. Then the tiny little red one knew that this was immortality to the glory of God, the Father and the Son.

The Workmen Are Unpaid.

The new Berkeley school-house is a very handsome edifice and a creditable addition to the educational institutions of the town. It is a matter of general regret to realize that a part of the material with which the school is built has not been paid for, and also that some of the mechanics who worked on the building were not paid for their labor.

All claims against the building have been settled by process of law, and there is no redress for the Wrightman Brothers, who furnished material, nor for the mechanics, whose wages aggregating \$500 are lost to them. The only consolation these latter can derive is to assume an air of philanthropy and regard their losses as a contribution to the cause of education. The \$1,200 worth of unpaid material and labor in the Berkeley school will always be a cloud on the institution unless the people of Bloomfield shall deem it expedient to wipe it out by generously authorizing the School Trustees to recommend an appropriation for that purpose. Such a proposition may seem an absurdity to those who assume that what is legal is right. Some people will probe deeper into the matter than the Court of Chancery was required to. They will ask why Harry L. Campbell, the contractor who has brought this disgrace upon the building, was not put under proper and sufficient bonds. If somebody has been in fault in this matter there is an apparent moral obligation on the part of the town to make good the loss to the workmen.

Women's Relief Corps.

Next Wednesday evening a meeting will be held at the house of the Hon. Amzi Dodd of the Executive Committee of the Thirteenth Regiment Reunion reception. There is an unexpended balance remaining of about \$90, which is to be disposed of. As the money was raised for patriotic purposes there are quite a number who think it should either be turned over to the G. A. R. Post or else to the Women's Relief Corps. This corps is an auxiliary to the G. A. R., and it is their duty to relieve the wants of needy soldiers and sailors, nurse the sick and alleviate the distress of all such cases that come to their notice. Last year a soldier of the late war who had served with honor in a Massachusetts regiment was taken sick in Bloomfield and no woman's hand administered comfort to him. He died almost alone in a strange place. Had there been as there now is a Women's Relief Corps, his last dying moments would have been surrounded with some comforts. This organization is open for membership to all loyal women, and in the West and East has accomplished great good. Pierson Women's Relief Corps will meet in G. A. R. Hall next Thursday at 3.30 P. M., and they will be glad to welcome in their order any ladies who desire to assist them in their grand work. Mrs. Peter Ernswein is President, Mrs. A. C. Marr, Treasurer, and Mrs. S. G. Hayter Secretary; Mrs. J. M. Bancroft, Mrs. Robert Madison, Mrs. John B. Dunbar, Mrs. J. Banks Bedford, Mrs. Nathan Russell and daughter, Mrs. Wm. Baldwin and Miss Hayes, daughter of Gen. Hayes, are among some of those who now are members.

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AT THE CHURCHES.

First Presbyterian.
 The Rev. H. W. Ballantine, D. D., pastor. Sunday services 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday-school at 12 M. To-morrow the Rev. Dr. Hollifield of Newark will preach in the morning.

Westminster Presbyterian.
 Rev. Geo. A. Paull, pastor. Preaching services at 10.30 A. M. and 7.45 P. M. Sunday-school at noon. Young People's Prayer meeting at 7 P. M. Strangers always welcome.

German Presbyterian.
 Sunday services: Preaching by the pastor, the Rev. H. W. Selbert, at 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday-school at 2 P. M. Prayer meeting, Tuesday at 8 P. M. Young People's Society, Friday at 8 P. M.

Park Methodist Episcopal.
 Services to-morrow at 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Preaching by the pastor, the Rev. R. B. Collins. Sunday-school at noon; Epworth League Prayer-meeting at 6.45 P. M. Leader, Miss Jennie Redfern. Children's hour, Tuesday, at 3.30.

Watseasing Methodist Episcopal.
 Preaching at 10.30 A. M. and 7.45 P. M. by the pastor, the Rev. Elbert Clement. Evening subject, "Voices of the Spring." Sunday-school at 2.30. Young People's Epworth League meeting at 6.45. Seats free. All invited.

First Baptist.
 Services at 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. The Rev. Geo. D. Rogers of Rochester, N. Y., will preach morning and evening.

Glen Ridge Congregational.
 Services at 10.30 A. M. and 7.45 P. M. Sunday-school at 3 o'clock. Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor at 7 o'clock, opening with service of song.

Christ Episcopal.
 The Rev. Edwin A. White, Rector. Celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 A. M. Morning Prayer, Litany and Sermon at 10.30 A. M. Sunday-school at 3 P. M. Evening Prayer, with Sermon, 7.30 P. M.

Holy Thursday—Celebration of Holy Communion 7.30 A. M. Second Celebration 10.30 A. M.

Friday evening prayer 5 P. M.

Watseasing Division, Sons of Temperance.
 will go on a May ride to Paterson Decoration Day.

The Social Guild of the Watseasing M. E. Church will meet at Mrs. Smith's, Lawrence Street, next Monday night. The Finance Committee of the Watseasing M. E. Church met at Samuel Elor's residence on Monday night, and it was announced that the subscriptions to the new church fund amounted to over \$4,500. The payment of the first quarterly subscription is asked for on or about June 1st to enable the Trustees to clear off the debt on the church lot.

A number of Watseasing cyclists will make the run to Philadelphia on Decoration Day.

The flag-pole at Watseasing Centre has not been repaired. The flag did not wave from the pole on Washington's Birthday on that account, and it looks as though the pole will have to go bare on Decoration Day.

Seminary Notes.

Matthew Miller of the class of '92 will be installed as pastor of the Jersey City German Church on Sunday, May 29. The Ladies' Aid Society of the Hopkins Street German Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn visited the Seminary on Thursday.

The students of the German Theological Seminary have accepted the invitation of William S. Pierson Post, G. A. R., to parade on Decoration Day.

The rhetorical exhibition of the Academic Department will be held in the German Presbyterian Church next Wednesday evening at 7.30. Eight students will speak, five in German and three in English. Those who will take part are Jacob Frey, Ernst Saure, Karl Schlegel, Jacob Schmitt, Karl Hock, Ludwig Creiger, Vaslav Bazata, and William Vokolek.

Glen Ridge Notes.

A meeting will be held at the residence of Mrs. Charles T. Dodd to-day by the ladies interested in the out-door fete for the benefit of the Mountaineer Hospital.

Joseph D. Gallagher has been enjoying a short vacation in New York State. Property owners on Winsor Place have petitioned for gas lamps on that street.

The Orange Water Company has declined to extend the water mains on Douglas Road until the Committee orders the erection of a hydrant on that street.

Oakland Notes.

H. E. Demorest and family have moved into their new house on Morton Street.

A social was held at the residence of Thomas W. Smith on Belleville Avenue last Wednesday evening.

Town Committeeman Gilbert is making extensive improvements to his property in this part of the town.

The Sidewalk Committee have been petitioned to spend \$300 to grade the sidewalk on Orchard Street near the depot.

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